



Blue Ribbon Canine Centre

Trainer Apprenticeship Program

The Trainer Apprenticeship Program (TAP) is designed for those people who would like to learn more about dog behaviour and training or would like to become a Certified Dog Trainer. Applicants may also use this program as an adjunct to an online dog training school program.

Students in this program will become well versed on such topics as puppy development, canine communication, and canine learning theory and will receive hands-on experience to develop their training skills and pass them on to their students effectively.

The cost of the program is \$1875, taxes included. This amount can be paid in one payment, or in two or three equal instalments. The first payment must be included with the registration and the final payment made no later than 60 days after the date of the first instalment. Most methods of payments are accepted (see application below).

The Blue Ribbon mentoring program is divided into three phases which are described later in this document. Lise and the Blue Ribbon instructing staff are there to guide the student through the process, helping them in any way they can and mentoring them throughout the journey.

Following the successful completion of the program, the student will receive a diploma of certification from Blue Ribbon Canine Centre.

The graduate of the Program is then invited to continue as a Learning Assistant for two (2) additional training sessions at no additional cost.

Successful completion of the Blue Ribbon TAP program in no way implies that the student will then be accepted as part of the training team at Blue Ribbon Canine Centre.

A strong sense of commitment is necessary to be successful in this field, therefore, any student not attending a minimum of 6 classes in any of the three 8-week training sessions will not be considered to have successfully completed the program and will need to redo the incomplete session in order to receive a diploma.

The three Sessions of the Complementary Apprenticeship Program must be completed within 12 months of the start date of the first session.

TAP (cont'd):

If the student is registered with an online school and is enrolled in the TAP to complement that curriculum, any guidelines set out by the aforementioned school will apply to this program.

The Program:

- **First Session – Observation:** The student will observe an 8-week Companion-level course¹ and is invited to take part in any discussions at the end of the evening/day. Taking notes during the class as well as joining the discussions is strongly encouraged. An outline of the course will be supplied to help the student follow the class. NOTE: Class discussions can only take place at the end of the evening's classes, which may not be immediately following the observed class.

¹ Available courses for observation are Puppy Playschool and Companion Rookie. The student will select the day and time of the class they wish to observe and they must attend this same class every week. In addition to the selected course, the student is at liberty to observe any additional "Companion" course being taught during that time frame.

- **Second Session – Aptitude:** The student will train a dog in an appropriate Companion-level course². They are expected to practice the homework and meet the graduation requirements at the end of the course. If the student has already taken a Blue Ribbon class in the previous three years, or is currently enrolled in a class, this session may be replaced by a second Observation or Participation Session.

² Available classes are Puppy Playschool, Companion Rookie and Companion Pro. Lise will determine the appropriate level for the handler and dog being trained. The student must provide his/her dog for training.

- **Third Session – Participation:** The student will join a class as a Learning Assistant³. He/she will receive a list of the tasks and responsibilities involved with this position as well as an outline for that course. As in the first session, the student will be invited to take part in any discussions at the end of the evening.

³ Available classes are Puppy Playschool, Companion Rookie and Companion Pro. The student may choose in which of these courses he/she will assist.

If you would like to join the program please complete the attached application and return it to us by one of the following methods:

Email: lise@blueribboncanine.com

Canada Post or courier: Blue Ribbon Canine Centre
2070 Chartier Ave.
Dorval, QC H9P 1H2



Blue Ribbon Canine Centre

TAP Application

CONTACT INFORMATION

Full Name: _____

Address: _____ Apt. _____

City: _____ Prov _____ PC _____

Phone(s): _____

Email(s): _____

RELEVANT PERSONAL INFORMATION

What online school, if any, are you studying with? _____

Is this program a required portion of your curriculum? Yes _____ No _____

Do you have allergies to dogs? If so, please explain. _____

Being a dog trainer can be physically demanding. As we deal with untrained dogs of all sizes, are you capable of handling and restraining dogs of up to 100 lbs? Yes _____ No _____

How did you hear about Blue Ribbon? _____

PAYMENT INFORMATION

The tuition fees are non-refundable. The first instalment is due with this application. If paid in 2 or 3 instalments, the final payment must be made no later than 60 days after the initial instalment.

Number of instalments: _____ 1 x \$1875 _____ 2 x \$937.50 _____ 3 x \$625

If more than one instalment, enter the date of each: _____

PAYMENT METHOD: _____ Cash _____ Cheque _____ Debit _____ Credit card ² _____ e-Transfer ¹

¹ Send e-Transfers to payments@blueribboncanine.com

² If using a credit card please complete the portion below:

Card # _____ Exp. date _____ Sec. code _____

Name on card: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____